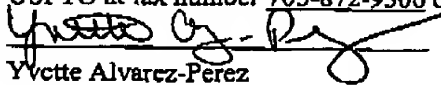


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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following amendment and remarks for consideration by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application. The subject matter encompassed by the claims in this amendment was previously deemed allowable by the Examiner. The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences recommended continued examination of the subject matter claimed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.